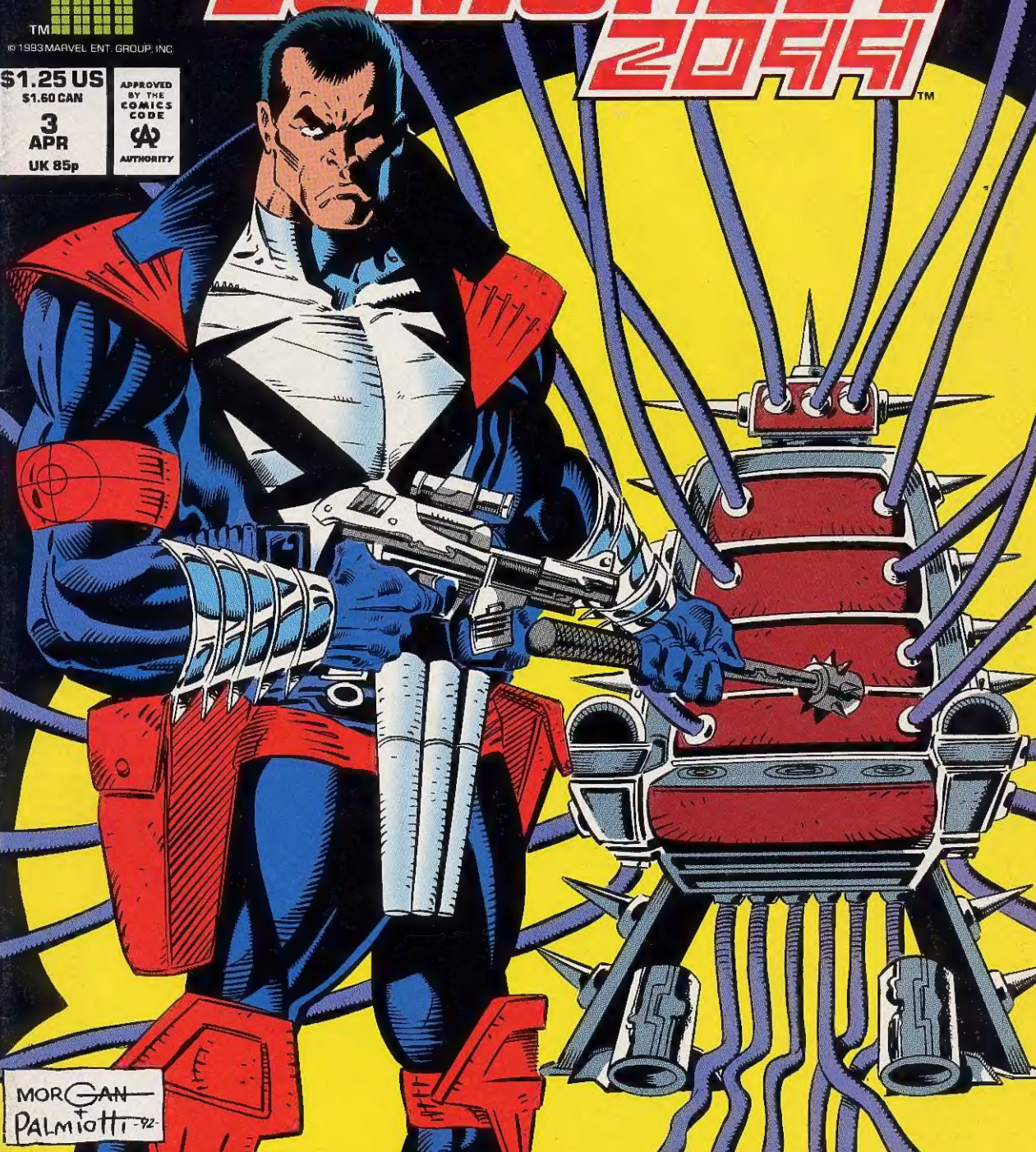




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2099 LAST EXIT

HIS FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY A PSYCHOPATH IN AN AGE WHERE JUSTICE CAN BE BOUGHT AND NO ONE BELIEVES IN OLD FASHIONED PUNISHMENT ANYMORE... NO ONE EXCEPT JAKE GALLOW'S... A WEAPONS SPECIALIST IN THE PUBLIC EYE POLICE BY DAY, AT NIGHT HE IS INCORRUPTABLE JUSTICE.
STAN LEE PRESENTS: PUNISHER 2099



GIMME THE SLUG, SAUCERS...

WHICH ONE WAS IT NOW, BABE?

DON'T JERK ME AROUND-- YOU KNOW... "BLUE SKY-SIX."

I WAS IN THE GOLDEN VALLEY... I GOTTA LIVE THE REST.

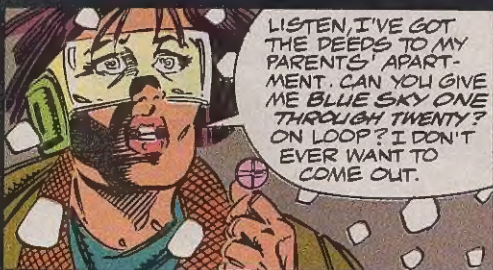


SURE. RELAX. COST YOU A THOUSAND MAX.



THAT'S TWO HUNDRED MORE THAN LAST TIME!

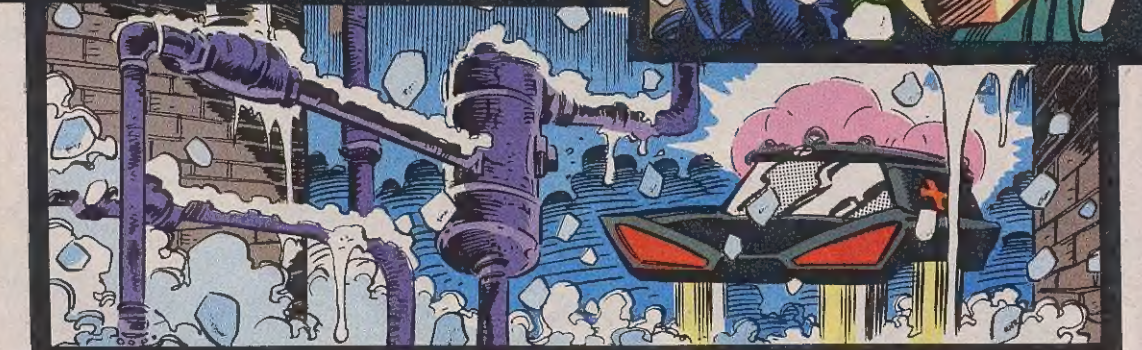
STRAIGHT, BABE. YOU'RE NOT IN TOTAL REALITY NOW.



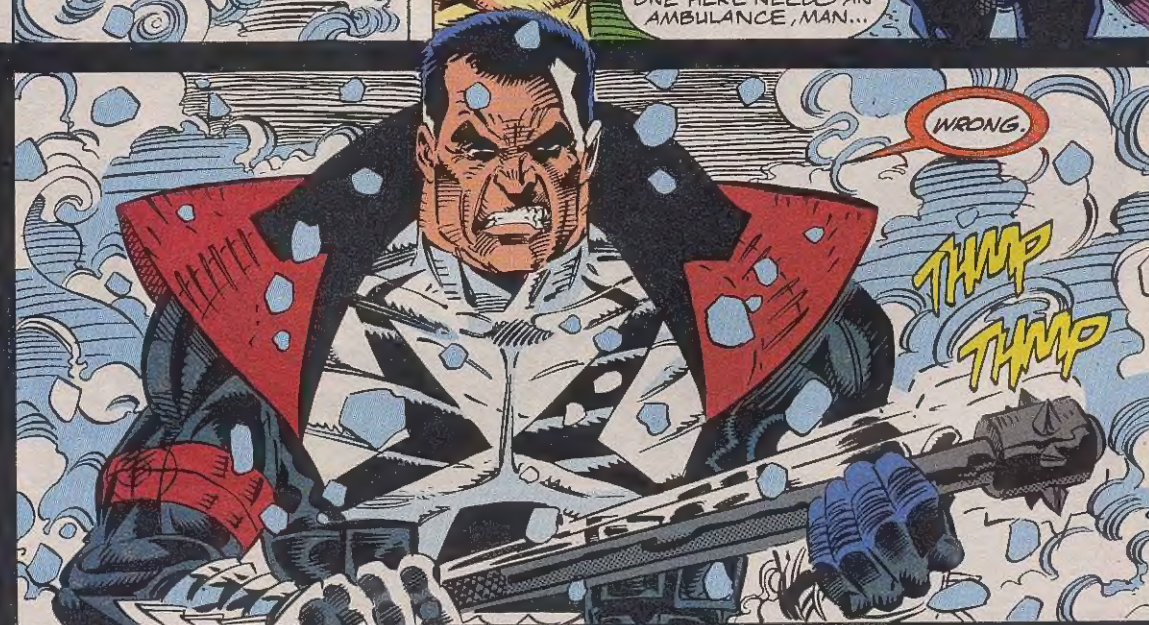
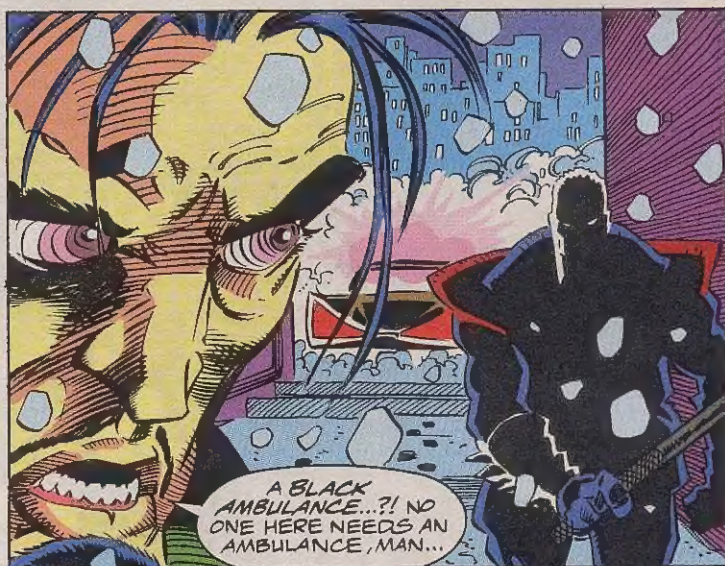
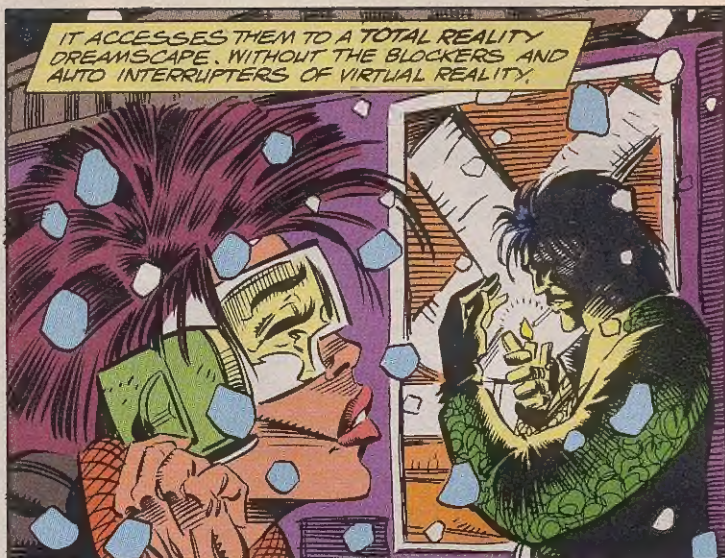
LISTEN, I'VE GOT THE DEEDS TO MY PARENTS' APARTMENT. CAN YOU GIVE ME BLUE SKY ONE THROUGH TWENTY? ON LOOP? I DON'T EVER WANT TO COME OUT.



I KINDA FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T. I GOT THE PLUG RIGHT HERE.



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LAST EXIT FROM THE BRONX



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THAT PLUGHEAD MUST
BE THE SAME AGE AS
ASTRA, BALDUR'S
FANCEE...

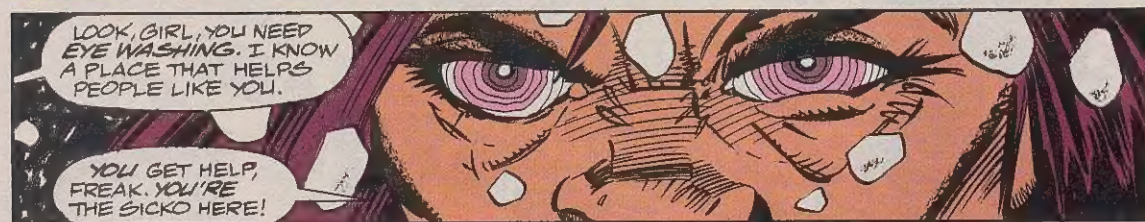
AND TR IS KILLING
HER JUST AS SURELY
AS THE MICROWAVES
KILLED ASTRA...



OH, MY PRINCE...
WHAT THE SHOCK?

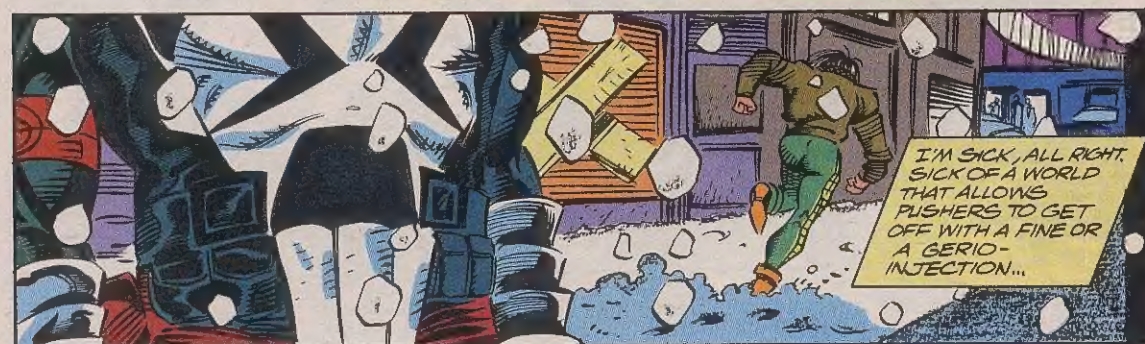


YOU CREEP! HOW AM I
GONNA EARN THE MONEY
TO BUY ANOTHER SYSTEM?

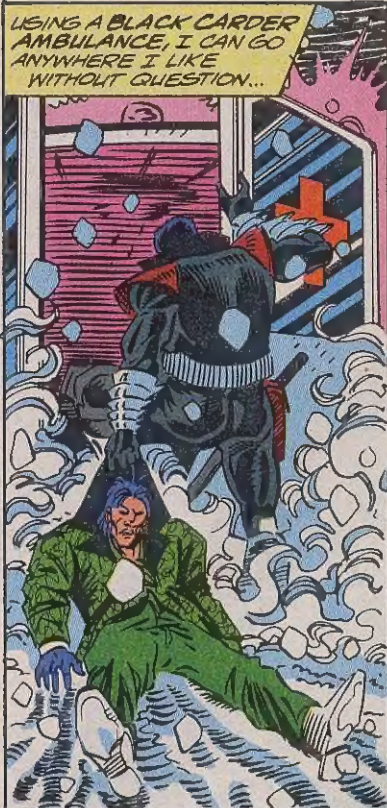


LOOK, GIRL, YOU NEED
EYE WASHING. I KNOW
A PLACE THAT HELPS
PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

YOU GET HELP,
FREAK. YOU'RE
THE SICKO HERE!



I'M SICK, ALL RIGHT.
SICK OF A WORLD
THAT ALLOWS
PUSHERS TO GET
OFF WITH A FINE OR
A GERIO-
INJECTION...



USING A BLACK CARDER
AMBULANCE, I CAN GO
ANYWHERE I LIKE
WITHOUT QUESTION...



I'M NOT GOING TO EXECUTE
THIS PUSHER. HIS CRIME
DOESN'T QUITE DESERVE
LOSING HIS LIFE.

I'LL JUST SETTLE
FOR TWENTY
YEARS OF IT.



WHA...WHAT'S
THE
HARDWARE?



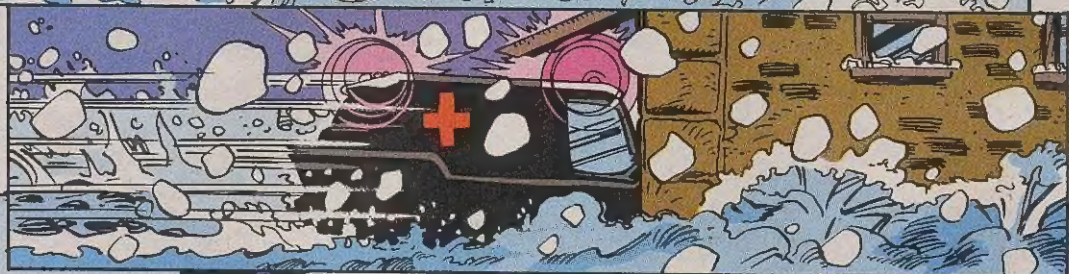
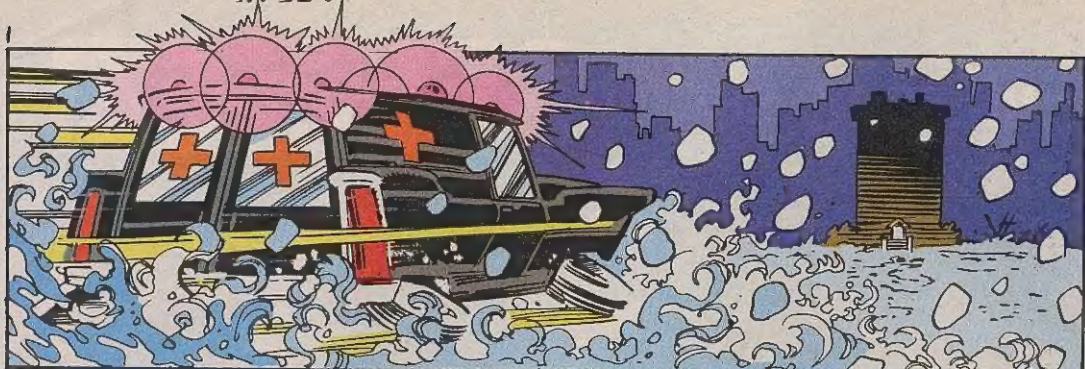
IT'S A
D.S.S....!

DEATH
SUPPORT
SYSTEM.

YOU TRY
TO ESCAPE
AND IT KILLS
YOU.

BANG
COLA

WHEE-ONK WHEE-ONK



WELCOME TO PUNISHMENT HOTEL.

PRISON. TWENTY YEARS.

WHAT HOTEL...? WHAT'S GOING DOWN HERE, MAN?



A WHAT...? WHAT'S A PRISON?

A HOTEL WHERE YOU NEVER CHECK OUT, AND THE ROOM SERVICE IS LOUSY.

I'LL SHOW YOU.

IT'S THE WAY THINGS
USED TO BE DONE...
REAL PUNISHMENT...

HE MEANS
IT, MAN!

HE'S
HOWLING AT
THE MOON
MAD!

GET IN
THERE.

YOUR FOOD AND
WATER IS DISPERSED
AUTOMATICALLY. IT'S
NUTRI-BREAD AND
WATER. CAKE ON
THURS-DAY.

I
REPLENISH
IT ONCE A
WEEK.

SO WHAT HAPPENS TO US
IF YOU GET SHOT WHEN
YOU'RE OUT THERE SAYING
THE WORLD? YOU HEAR
ME, MAN?

NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

YOU'LL
DIE.

THIS PLACE IS
LIKE MY MIND...
DARK CORRIDORS
THAT GO ON
FOREVER, FULL
OF LOCKED UP
ENEMIES...

IS THE MOLECULAR
DISINTEGRATOR
READY, MATT?

SO YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
FRY ONE
PRISONER A
WEEK.

WELL... I'VE CRACKED
THE POWER PROBLEM;
GIANT TRICKLE FEED
CAPACITORS, SO YOU
DON'T TAKE THE JUICE
FROM THE GRID AT THE
SAME TIME.

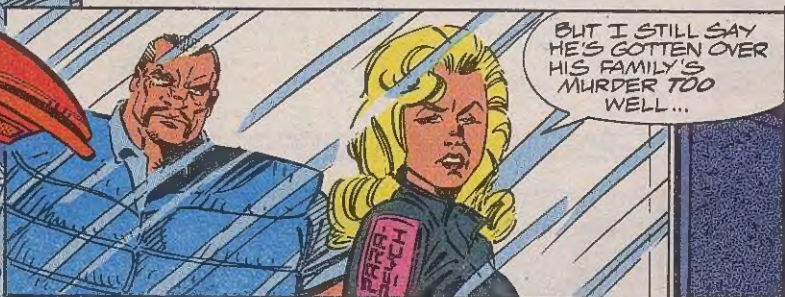
UNLESS I
STACKED THEM...
THREE AT A TIME...
SITTING ON
EACH OTHER'S
LAPS...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
MATT?

JAKE, FOR
GOD'S SAKE!
YOU'RE TALKING
CRAZY!
TALKING
CRAZY!

YOU SAID
YOU
WOULDN'T
USE IT
INDISCRIM-
INATELY!

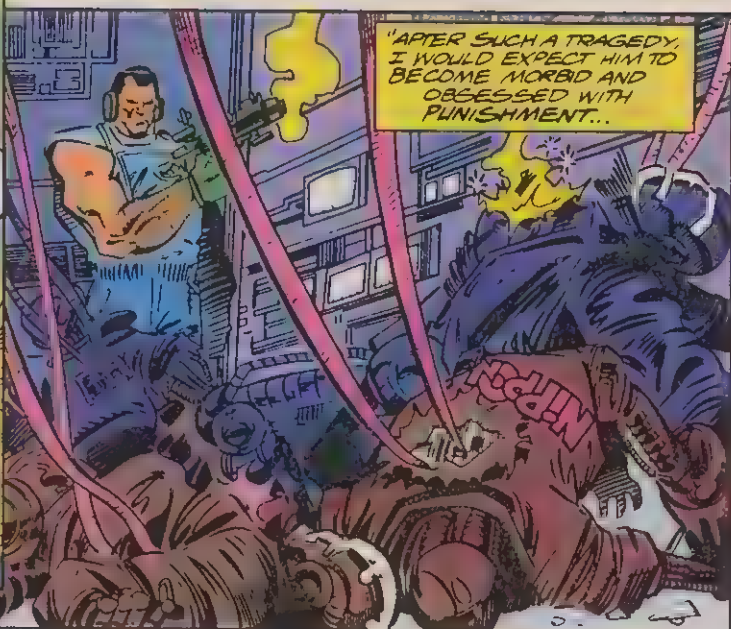
I SAID
I'D USE IT...



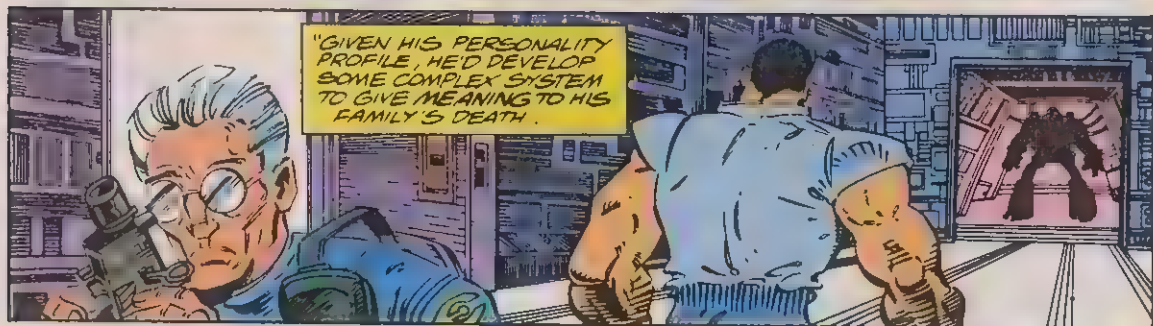


WHAT DO YOU PSYCH-HEADS WANT? A BREAKDOWN AND TEARS--WOULD THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?

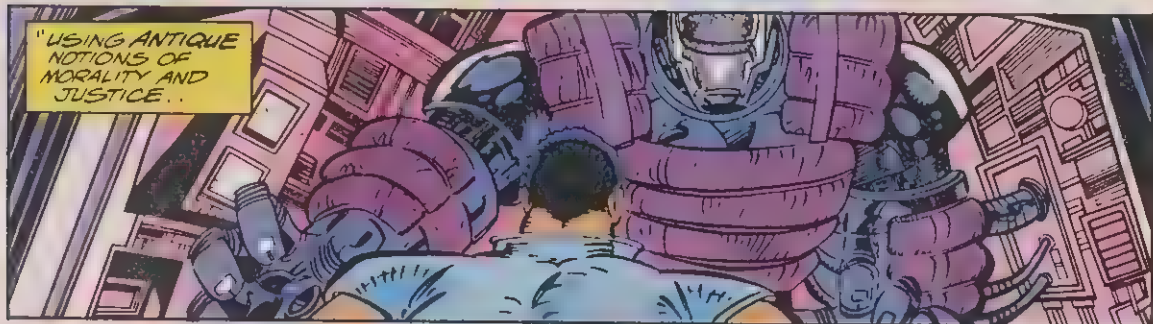
WHY NOT? HE'S A HUMAN BEING FIRST, A COP SECOND...



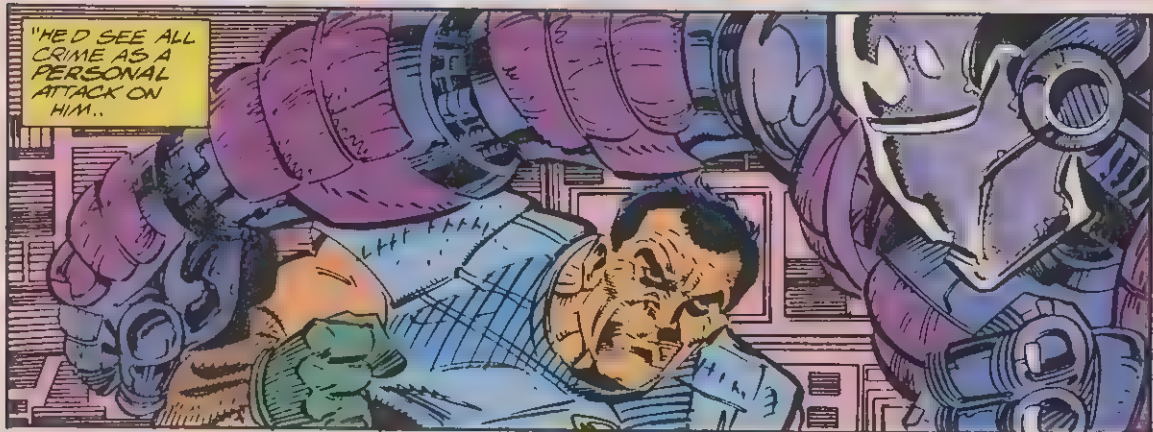
"AFTER SUCH A TRAGEDY, I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO BECOME MORBID AND OBSESSED WITH PUNISHMENT..."



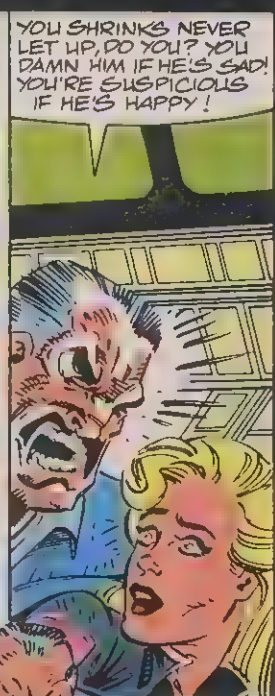
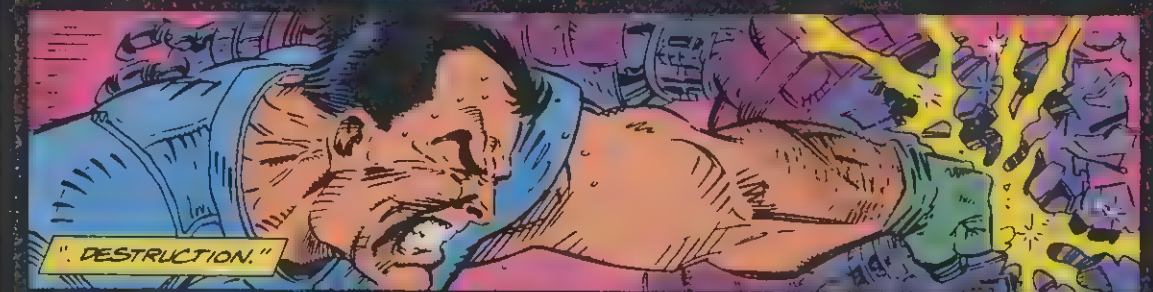
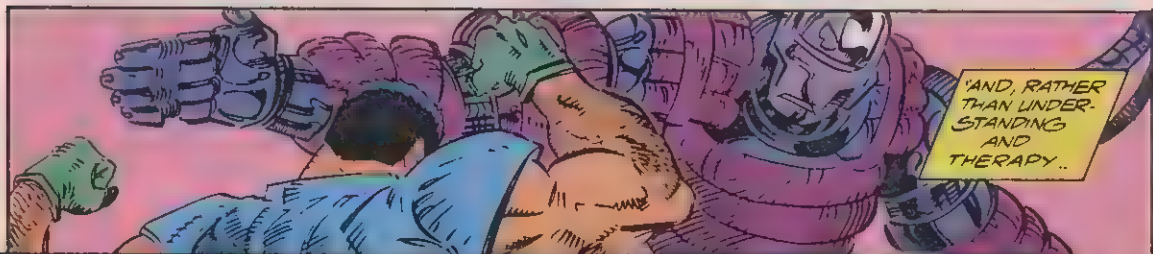
"GIVEN HIS PERSONALITY PROFILE, HE'D DEVELOP SOME COMPLEX SYSTEM TO GIVE MEANING TO HIS FAMILY'S DEATH."



"USING ANTIQUE NOTIONS OF MORALITY AND JUSTICE..."



"HE'D SEE ALL CRIME AS A PERSONAL ATTACK ON HIM..."



I'VE BROUGHT
MISS DELPHINE BACK,
FEARMASTER...

SHE WAS AT J.F.K. WITH
A VACUJET TICKET TO
BEIJING.

WELL, WELL...
DO WE HAVE
CHINESE
RELATIVES,
DELPHINE?

"NO, SIR..."
SO WE
WERE
RUNNING
AWAY,
EH... ?

NO,
SIR.

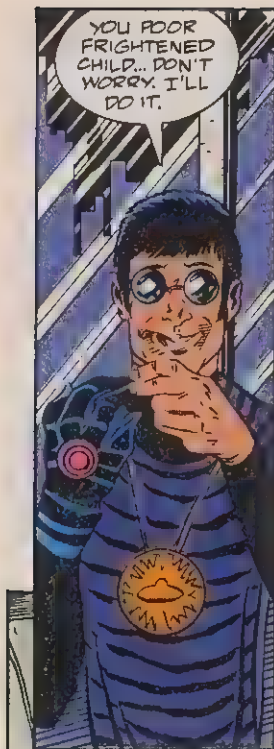
I WAS CONFUSED.
;SOB!;

THERE...
THERE... CALM
YOURSELF, MY
DEAR. I'M NOT
GOING TO
PUNISH
YOU.

I'M GOING
TO HELP
YOU...

TAKE THE
GLOVE OFF,
DELPHINE.

OH, NO,
PLEASE...
NOT THAT!



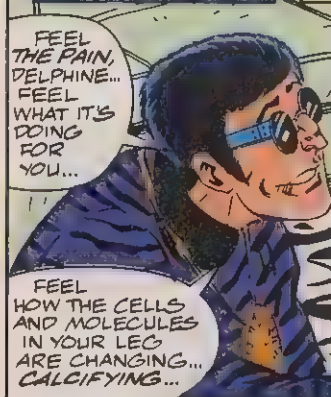
YOU POOR
FRIGHTENED
CHILD... DON'T
WORRY. I'LL
DO IT.



ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL...?
A GIFT FROM MY
FRIENDS... ONE DAY,
ALL OF ME WILL BE
LIKE THIS.

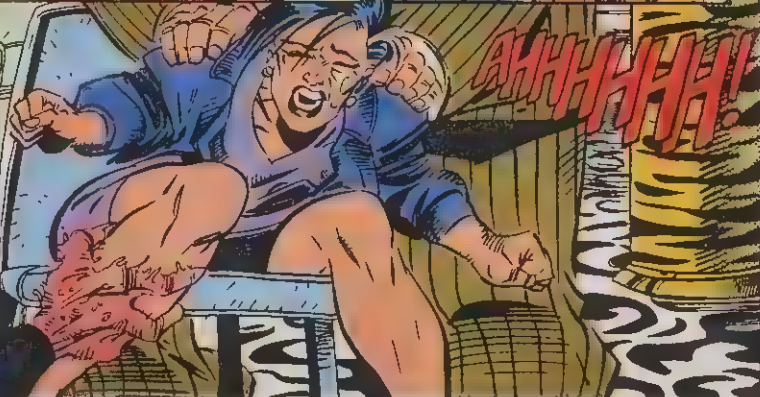


BUT FOR
NOW, I
WILL USE
ITS
HEALING
PROPERTIES
TO HELP
YOU...



FEEL
THE PAIN,
DELPHINE...
FEEL
WHAT IT'S
DOING
FOR
YOU...

FEEL
HOW THE CELLS
AND MOLECULES
IN YOUR LEG
ARE CHANGING...
CALCIFYING...



AAAAHHH!



YOU SEE HOW IT'S
HELPED YOU...? YOUR
LEG IS SOLID BONE
NOW. SO YOU CAN NEVER
RUN AWAY FROM
ANYTHING AGAIN,
DELPHINE...



AND YOU MUSTN'T
WORRY... THE PAIN
WILL PASS IN A
MONTH OR TWO.

YOU CAN
THANK ME
THEN.

HOT DEMO, FEARMASTER!
I'D HAVE GIVEN HER
CONCRETE BOOTS... ONLY
YOU COULD GIVE HER A
CONCRETE LEG! HAA, HA, HA!

YOUR ATTITUDE IS
ALARMING, MULTI-
FRACTOR. WHAT I
DO, I DO OUT OF
LOVE.

PERHAPS I
COULD HELP
YOU AMEND
YOUR
ATTITUDE...

ER-ER... ABOUT THE
CRIME FIGURES, SIR...
I'VE GOT A FULL
REPORT HERE.

SUBJECT APTLY CHANGED,
MY UGLY FRIEND. LET'S HAVE
A LOOK AT YOUR PLAN...

AS YOU'LL SEE, WE
CAN OPEN A HOLO-PORN
COMPLEX IN THE DECRED
ZONE... ONLY PROBLEM
IS THE **STREET SCUM**
WHO LIVE THERE.

BULLDOZE
THEIR HOUSES
AND THE
OTHER?

A FREELANCE VIGILANTE
CALLED "THE PUNISHER."

DON'T CONCERN
ME WITH TRIVIA,
FRACTOR.

WITH RESPECT, SIR,
IF HE **WAS** TRIVIA,
I WOULDN'T HAVE
MENTIONED HIM.

THIS PUNISHER IS BECOMING
A PROBLEM...

THIS PUNISHER
IS BECOMING
A PROBLEM...

BUT AT LEAST
WE KNOW THIS
SOCIOPATHIC
CRIMINAL
DRIVES A BLACK
AMBULANCE.

OH, BRILLIANT. SO
ALL WE HAVE TO
DO IS STOP A
BLACK AMBULANCE,
SO THE BLACK
CARDER INSIDE
DIES...

WE STILL CAN'T
GET PAST HIS
FACE SCRAMBLER.

YEAH. AND THIS
DEPARTMENT GETS
SHUT DOWN. AND
WE ALL GO AND LIVE
IN THE DECRED
ZONE!

OKAY,
I GET THE
POINT.

THAT'LL
TEACH ME TO
THINK.

DO WE HAVE ANY
BACKGROUND ON
THE TR PUSHER
THE PUNISHER
BEAT UP?

WE TRIED TO QUESTION
THE PLUG HEAD ON THE VID...
BUT, AS YOU'LL SEE FROM THE
NEXT REPORT, SHE ISN'T
AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING...

"...SHE TOOK A
DREAM DIVE
FROM THE
NEW JERSEY
OVERPASS..."



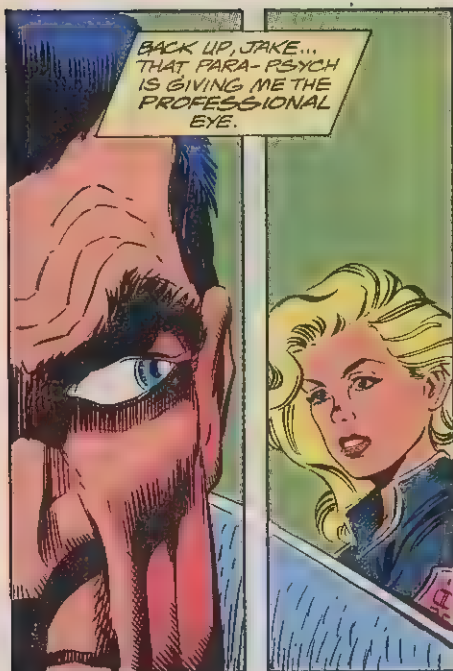
"...GUESS SHE
THOUGHT IT WAS
FAIRYLAND."

THE NEW JERSEY OVERPASS?!
WOW! THAT STUFF REALLY
DOES SHOCK YOUR BRAIN!

HEHH,
HEHH,
HEHH!

WHAT?!

IT'S OKAY, JAKE. SHE
WASN'T A PUBLIC EYE
SUBSCRIBER. STRICTLY
RENT-A-COP.



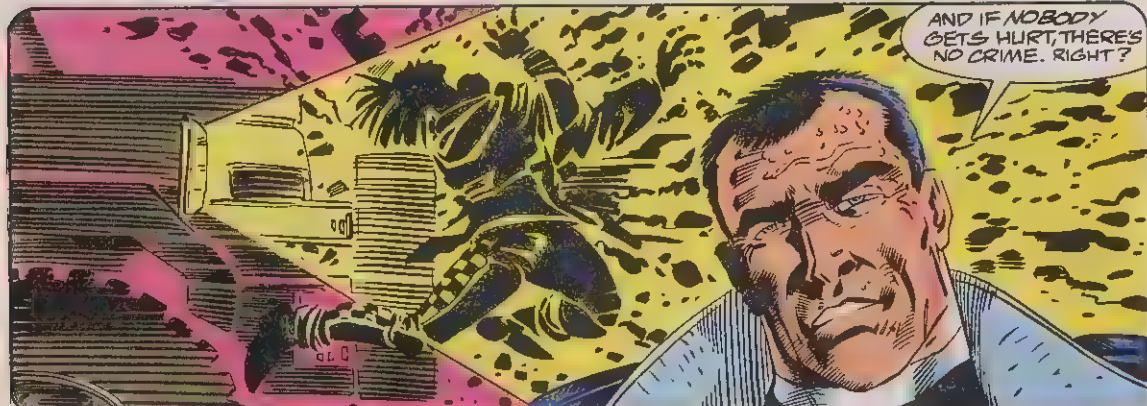
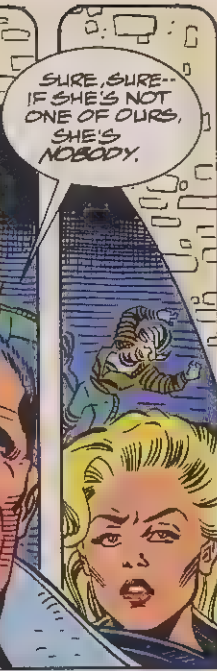
BACK UP, JAKE...
THAT PARA-PSYCH
IS GIVING ME THE
PROFESSIONAL
EYE.



GOTTA PUT ON
A FACE...



SURE, SURE...
IF SHE'S NOT
ONE OF OURS,
SHE'S
NOBODY.



AND IF NOBODY
GETS HURT, THERE'S
NO CRIME. RIGHT?



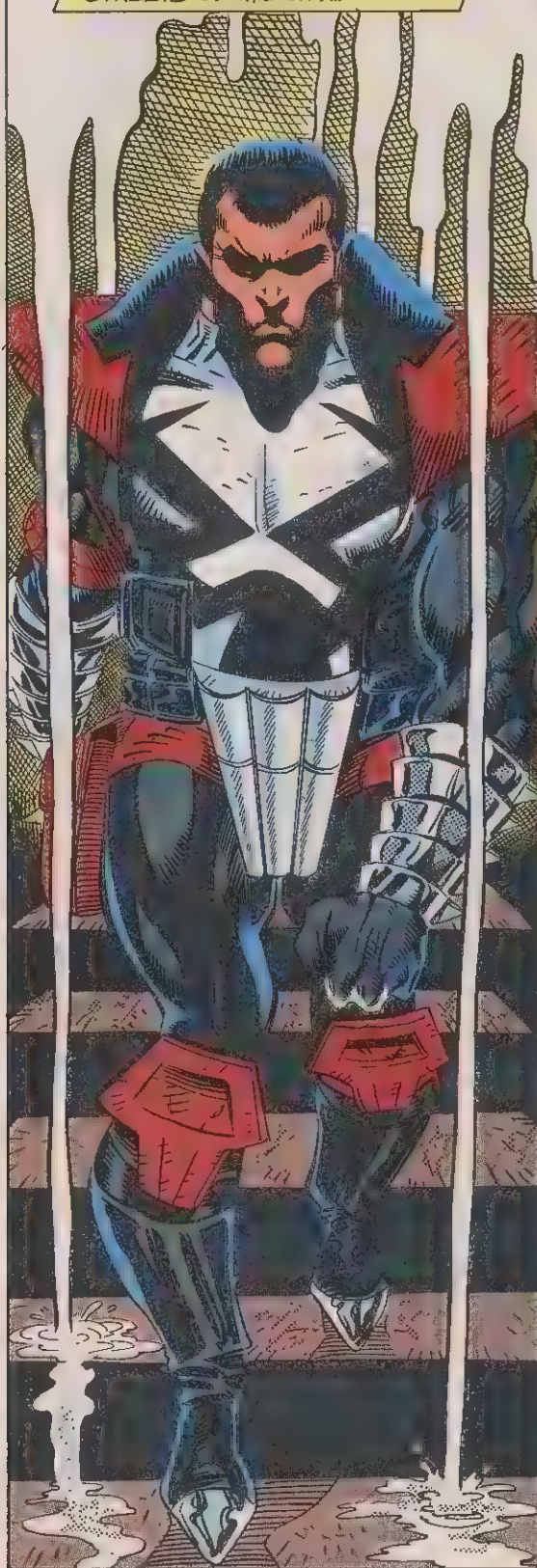
RIGHT. SO LET'S
GET BACK TO THIS
PUNISHER. FOLKS...
WE'VE GOT TO FIND
A WAY OF CRACKING
HIS MASK.

I'M WORKING
WITH MATT AXELON
ON IT, CHIEF. IF ANYONE
CAN CRACK THAT
FACE SCRAMBLER,
IT'S MATT...



HE'S PUT A
LOT OF EFFORT
INTO IT.

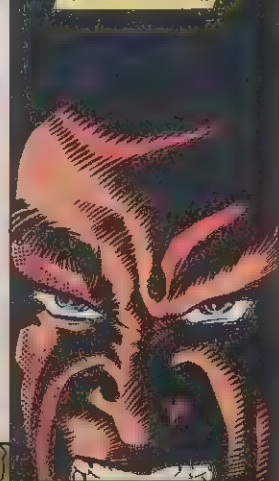
AS JAKE GALLOWAY, I HAD TO SIT
THERE AND SEE THAT GIRL END
HER YOUNG LIFE ON THE HARD
STREETS OF THIS CITY...



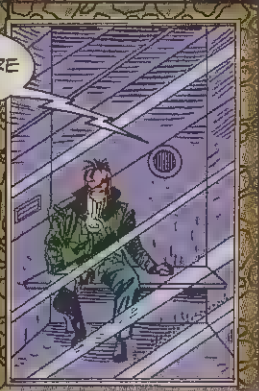
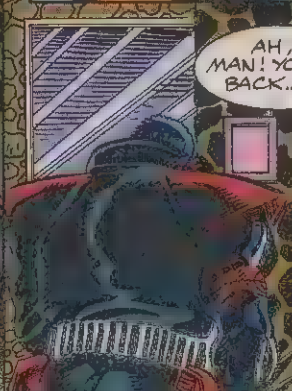
AND THERE
WAS NOTHING
I COULD DO.



BUT AS THE
PUNISHER...



AH,
MAN! YOU'RE
BACK...!



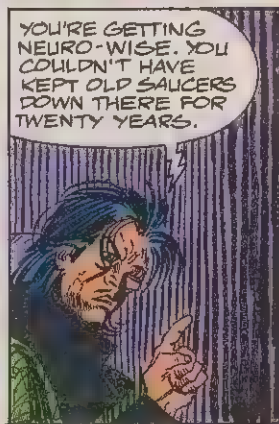
SO--YOU'RE LETTING
ME OUT! SMART MOVE.
I'M AN IMPORTANT
FACE IN THIS CITY.



YOUR SENTENCE
HAS BEEN
CHANGED...



YOU'RE GETTING
NEURO-WISE. YOU
COULDN'T HAVE
KEPT OLD SAUCERS
DOWN THERE FOR
TWENTY YEARS.



YOU'RE
RIGHT, I
COULDN'T

SO
WHERE ARE
YOU TALKING
ME?

TO THE
EXIT?

YES.

THE
LAST
EXIT.

WHAT
IS THIS,
MAN?

A MOLECULAR
DISINTEGRATOR.

KLEK
KLEK

KLEK
KLEK

THE LAST METHOD OF CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT BEFORE IT WAS
BANNED FIFTY YEARS AGO!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

FABE'S RAVES

When Mark Gruenwald asked me to write one of these things, I jumped at the chance to plug **WONDER MAN** in this space. Quite simply, I think it's one of Marvel's strongest — and least recognized — super hero titles (after **NEW WARRIORS**, of course). From day one, we've had **Gerard Jones** writing stories which explored both the humorous aspects of Hollywood's hottest hero — and the emotionally painful sides of Simon Williams as well. Combined with the artistic talents of **Jeff Johnson** and **Dan Panosian**, the letters of **Pat Brosseau** and the vibrant colors of **Joe Rosas**, I felt **WONDY** was one of the smoothest reads and slickest looking books we had.

So why is it such a well-kept secret?

Well, maybe because we haven't done enough to shake things up for Simon. That changes now. Simon has a major four-part storyline coming up between issues #22 through #25 which will dig deeper into the character's life, personality, and powers than ever before. **Wonder Man** will literally have to go to the depths of Hades to save not only his best friend's life — but also salvage what is left of his tortured soul. The storyline will feature the villainy of the Grim Reaper, the Enchantress, and the spirits of Baron Zemo and the Executioner! But wait, there's more! **Wondy** will also have to face down **Blackheart**, the son of **Mephisto** — which will lead to a confrontation with the Master of Darkness himself!

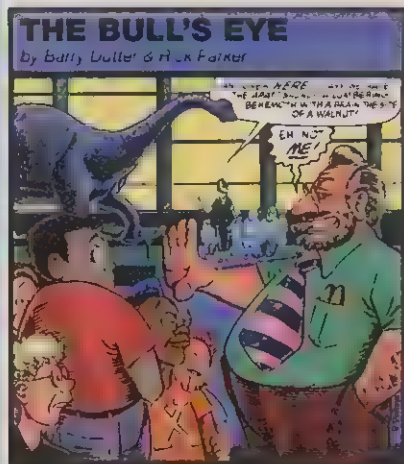
That sounds like a lot going on in **Wonder Man's** life, doesn't it? Well, I haven't even mentioned the new costume to debut in issue #25. Or the four interlocking covers which will be inserted as a poster into that exciting giant-sized issue. Or a very interesting romantic encounter between **Wonder Man** and his long-time dalliance, the **Scarlet Witch**.

Yes, we are giving **WONDER MAN** a major kick in the butt to get as many of you out there as possible to sample the book. For our regular readers, this is a natural progression in the storyline. For new readers — hold onto your underwear 'cause we're gonna move so fast and furious, you're gonna wind up with a **Wondy-Wedgie**!

FABIAN

— Fabian Nicieza
(Pronounced just like it's spelled)

February is like the **Herve Villechaize** of months. When compared to something like January, which has as many days as **Baskin Robins** has flavors, February just comes up short. Since February is such a homunculus of a month, we'll keep this week's column limited to short subjects.



One subject we never paid enough attention to in school was history. If we had, we would have learned more about the time when dinosaurs ruled the earth (until a royal scandal rocked the dinosaur world). Fortunately, we now have a chance to catch up on our dino-knowledge with the ultra-prehistoric four-issue **DINOSAURS** limited series. (We're talking *real* dinosaurs here, not that completely inaccurate **Simpsons/Honey-mooners** rip you see on TV on Friday nights.)

On November 14 of last year, the creators of Marvel's **DINOSAURS** held a signing at the far-famed **British Museum of Natural History**. Said creators also offered to carve their names in the walls of the museum, as our caveman brothers would have done so long ago, but that offer was received about as warmly as the next **Ice Age**. Among the dino-creators gathered 'round the tar pits were artists **John Bolton**, **Kevin Hopgood**,

and **Garry Leach**, as well as writers **Dan Abnett**, **Nick Vince**, **Graham Marks**, and editor **Steve White**. Scientific consultant/paleontologist **Mike Howgate** was also on hand, to make sure no one made off with any dinosaur bones as souvenirs. In explaining the popularity of dinosaurs, **Steve White** said, "They were not just fairy tales!"

One fairy tale that never seems to have a happy ending is the saga of the bawping escapades of **Hildy Mesnik**'s assistant editor, "Professor" **James Felder**. "Professor Pipes," as he's known around the office, recently was written up in the *New York Times* — and for once, it wasn't on the police blotter! The **Pop & Jazz** page featured a piece on the Prof's pulse-pounding performance at the **Knitting Factory** (covered on this page last week). The *Times* described Professor Felder's playing as "often amusing" and "occasionally uninspired." Ironically, those are the very words we so often use to describe the Professor!

One group that never fails to inspire us is the hard-core mock and roll band, **Green Jello**! If you thought **Kiss** was outrageous in the 1970s, wait till you see **Green Jello**! These guys dress up in costumes so outrageous, they make the **X-Men** look like mutants! **Green Jello** has a funkadelic video and five song CD out in stores now, with an album on the way. Since emerging from the refrigerator, the band has been touring the country, hitting up various night clubs and comic book conventions, including the **San Diego Comics Con**. Needless to say, these guys are big-time Marveloids from way back when **Jerry Lee Lewis** was wearing blue suede baby booties. And just the other week the **GJ** gang came up to the Marvel offices to take a squint at the **House of Ideas** while we got a gander of them!

We could go on and on, but we'll cut it short! Till next time, remember — everything singer **Randy Newman** said about short people was somewhat shortsighted!

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- ☐ **BARBIE FASHION #28:** Barbie's an artist! Well, hello Dali!
- ☐ **BLACK AXE #1:** It's a cut above the rest! Cover by John Romita Jr.
- ☐ **CODENAME: GENETIX #4 of 4:** A Prime Evil battle in the **Savage Land**!
- ☐ **CONAN SAGA #73:** Conan's lost his soul! Pass — check under the couch!
- ☐ **DEATHLOK #22:** Magnum's taking over **Wakanda** — and we don't mean **Tom Seaver**!
- ☐ **DR. STRANGE #52:** Doc's looking for **Morbius's** soul! Maybe **Conan** has seen it!
- ☐ **DOCTOR WHO CLASSIC COMICS #4:** Featuring the third doctor — but who's courting?
- ☐ **FANTASTIC FOUR #375:** An Ultra-

- violet cover on an ultra-violent 48-page issue!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER/BLAZE: SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE #9:** What's that smell? It's a new villain, **Bristonel**!
- ☐ **HELLSTORM #1:** Who could the father be of this demonic super hero? Could it be maybe... **Satan**?
- ☐ **THE INCOMPLETE DEATH'S HEAD #4 of 12:** When the sky-train is hijacked, **Death's Head** finds himself... under siege!
- ☐ **IRON MAN #291:** Tony vs. Rhodey — war of the Iron Men! It's a heavy metal hoo-down!
- ☐ **MARVEL SPOTLIGHT:** Formerly **MARVEL REQUIRE!** Still, free!
- ☐ **MARVEL UNIVERSE MASTER EDITION #29:** With **Sabretooth**, **U.S. Agent**, and **Banana Man**!

- ☐ **METEOR MAN #1:** 64 page movie adaptation that will hit you like a rock from the sky!
- ☐ **MOON KNIGHT #49:** Moon Knight takes a stand against **Deadzone**!
- ☐ **MOTORMOUTH #11:** If **Motormouth** can't escape from **Mys-Tech**, she'll be **Mys-Tech pizza**!
- ☐ **MYS-TECH WARS #2 of 4:** It's UK and US heroes, 2gether 4 U 2 N-joy!
- ☐ **THE 'NAM #79:** A Michael Golden cover on the Tet offensive!
- ☐ **NEW WARRIORS #34:** The **Darkforce** possesses **Spider-Man**, the **Avengers**, and **Darkhawk**!
- ☐ **PUNISHER 2099 #3:** If you don't like **Gallows** humor, stay away!
- ☐ **PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #53:** **Punisher** and **Ice** turn up the heat!
- ☐ **SILVER SURFER #79:** S.F. finds

- two refugees from the **Kree/Shi'Ar War**!
- ☐ **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #199:** The **Green Goblin** and the **X-Men** stop by!
- ☐ **WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEK WORLD #8:** It's **Shatner-eff**!
- ☐ **THOR #461:** **Beta Ray Bill** is gunning for **Thor**!
- ☐ **TOXIC CRUSADERS #2 of 4:** They'll flush pollution right down the bowl!
- ☐ **VENOM #3 of 6:** A lynch mob wants to sting up **Venom** by his webs!
- ☐ **X-FORCE #21:** Goin' head-to-head with of **Shiel-Head**... **Iron Man**!
- ☐ **X-MEN CLASSIC #82:** He ain't heavy, he's my **Brotherhood of Evil Mutants**!

WHY, MAN?
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?

THAT
GIRL YOU
HOOKED
ON TR...

WHAT
ABOUT HER?
SHE WAS
NOTHING.

WHO
CARES
ABOUT
HER?



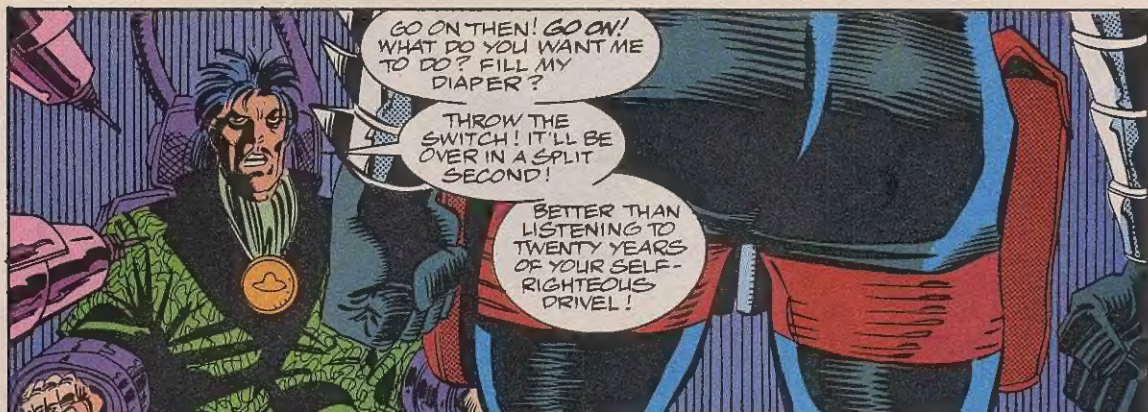
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SHE
DIED THIS
MORNING.
DREAM DIVE.

BIG-
SHOCKING-DEAL!
MY CUSTOMERS DO
IT ALL THE TIME.
SO WHAT?

SO YOUR
SENTENCE
HAS BEEN
CHANGED
FROM TWENTY
YEARS...

"...TO
DEATH!"



GO ON THEN! GO ON!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME
TO DO? FILL MY
DIAPER?

THROW THE
SWITCH! IT'LL BE
OVER IN A SPLIT
SECOND!

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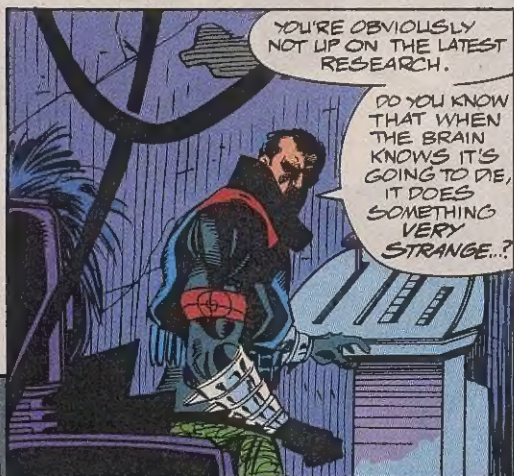
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YOU HEAR ME,
PUNISHER?



ABOUT THAT
"SPLIT
SECOND"...



YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY
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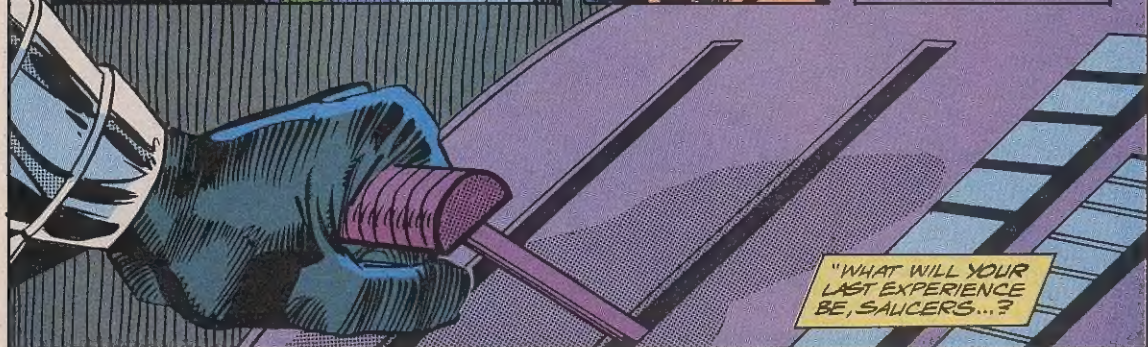
DO YOU KNOW
THAT WHEN
THE BRAIN
KNOWS IT'S
GOING TO DIE,
IT DOES
SOMETHING
VERY
STRANGE...?



"IT STRETCHES
ITS LAST
EXPERIENCE..."



"...SO THAT 'SPLIT
SECOND' FEELS
LIKE IT LASTS...
FOR ALL
ETERNITY!"



"WHAT WILL YOUR
LAST EXPERIENCE
BE, SAUCERS...?"



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OUT OF MY HEAD

I managed to leave Ernie Kovacs and David Letterman off my list of heroes in last issue. Since our proofreader, Jack Abel, was the first to see my list, he provided his own: FDR, Fiorello LaGuardia, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Joe Louis, John Tunis, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Eleanor Roosevelt, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Jack Benny and Irving Berlin.

Jack's list tells me a lot about Jack, that's for sure. It tells me that he appreciates a time when it was easier to tell the good guys from the bad.

I'm still interested in your list.

Next subject: They tell me that this year I'll be attending conventions in Chicago, Atlanta and Mid-Ohio. That's barring accidents, like my getting completely lost, or scheduling 2099 Writers' Summit II opposite a con. Hope to see you there.

Dear Future Punishers,

I've read issue #1 of PUNISHER 2099. Whoa! Nice art! Tom and Jim did a bang-up job. The origin of this Punisher sounds awfully familiar. Are there going to be any PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL files of 2099 to talk about the weapons used in 2099, as opposed to the 1993 Punisher?

One suggestion: how about one of the Punisher's old enemies makes a re-appearance, like a 2099 villain takes on the identity of the old Punisher? But who took on the Punisher and lived long enough to be an enemy? Oh yeah, Jigsaw. How about he leaves a book, too, talking about the Punisher. A villain of 2099 finds it and follows in the footsteps of Jigsaw or some other Punisher foe. Maybe have Doom 2099 with Punisher 2099? Either a team-up or face-off.

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All good suggestions, Shawn. But what do you think of the foes he's got now?

Dear Target Practice,

Interestingly enough, out of all the 2099 books, I was least interested in the new Punisher title. But I picked it up on a whim, deciding to give it a chance. I am sooo glad I did. Joey, Pat and the rest of y'all have an outstanding book second only to SPIDER-MAN 2099. It is easily the best Punisher title as this Punisher is fighting against even greater odds. Let's face it, Frank Castle has a tough job, but our society is nowhere near as bad as Jake's. It would be good to see these two together somehow. I think they would admire each other greatly.

Jake's villains are also cut from a grimmer stock than Frank's. Techno-Shamans, Gene

Guards, and Kron! Geez, our Punisher has it easy!

Will Jake have a "Microchip" to help him in his war on crime? And will there be annals for the 2099 line?

See ya in thirty!

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No annals yet, Dave. The closest thing to them will be 2099 UNLIMITED, our quarterly explosion of new concepts and characters! Matt Axel sort of takes the place of Microchip in the twenty-first century.

Dear Joey,

I just picked up an issue of PUNISHER 2099 #1 in a comic store called Comics Etc. I read it, then I decided to buy it. It was pretty cool! I liked the way the art work was done, especially with Kron Stone. And the Punisher was really high tech. The thing I didn't like about this story was that you made Kron the son of Tyler Stone. How could Tyler have raised such a maniac? Was Kron Stone brain damaged or something?

I'm curious: Is the Punisher going to let Kron live or is he going to destroy him the same way he has destroyed the other bad guys?

Until Dr. Doom takes up tap dancing, Make Mine Marvel!

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By now, you've seen the fate of Kron Stone. His old man isn't exactly Mister Nice Guy, Jon, so we consider Kron a perfect chip off the old block. Besides, seeing Tyler's kid tells us a lot more about Tyler, doesn't it?

Dear Target Practice,

Another great 2099 series sure to be a hit! Of course I am talking about Jake Gallows (catchy name) a.k.a. Punisher 2099. Where does he get such wonderful toys? This is one guy that proves that there is still justice in the world. I just love his face scrambler and his arsenal.

Again I say, "great work." One question: is the Punisher going to team up with another 2099 series anytime soon?

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Yes, but we're keeping exactly when under wraps just now (but Joey did hint at it in his "Out Of My Head" column above).

Dear Target Practice,

I have just finished PUNISHER 2099 #1. It was great! I do have a few questions and comments though:

1) What happened to the original Punisher?

I mean how did he die?

2) I like Jake's "Heat Sink Armor" and "Skull Scrambler." Does he have any more tricks up his sleeve?

3) Don't get me wrong—the artwork and script on this book were outstanding! But will John Romita, Jr. or Chuck Dixon be joining us in this title?

4) Kron Stone would make a great arch-enemy for Punisher. Don't kill him.

Well, that's all for now. Keep Jake Punishing!

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We're also keeping mum about Frank Castle's "death," especially since if you want to know more about him, he's in plenty of monthly titles of his own. If you want to know more about Jake Gallows, this is the place.

More gizmos, Jeremy? You bet! As for J.R. Jr. and Chuck, we wouldn't say no if they rang us up, but we couldn't be more thrilled with what Pat, Tony, Tom and Jimmy are doing. Their enthusiasm shows, and they're sticking around. We hope you will, too.

NEXT ISSUE: When you see the cover of our next opus, you'll think we've finally taken leave of our senses! But it's only the "Dawn of the Heroes," the most offbeat Punisher saga yet. We're betting you'll say it's the best!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #7 Since we plastered him right on the cover, we're not giving anything away by telling you the issue's villain is The Vulture 2099!

RAVAGE 2099 #6 Hey! Paul Ryan's here in the office now showing us what he's done! Holy cats! Get a load of the gimmicks he and Stan gave Ravage in "The Power and the Peril!"

DOOM 2099 #5 The rebuilding of Lat-veria under Doom's rule...and the first glimpse of the limitless expanse of the Cyerverse!

